

Auction Procedure

- Pursuant to RCW 46.55.130 the following procedures must be followed in the auctioning of abandoned vehicles by a Registered Tow Truck Operator.
- A copy of the auction procedures shall be posted at the bidding site.
- Notification of auction must be published not more than 10 days and not less than 3 days in advance of the auction.
- A three-hour public viewing period shall be held before the auction.
- If the bidding site is different from the licensed office location the operator shall post a clearly visible sign at the office location that describes in detail where the auction will be held.
- A copy of the newspaper advertising listing the vehicles for sale shall be posted at the bidding site.
- The open bid process, including all written bids, shall be used so that everyone knows the dollar value that must be exceeded.
- If an operator chooses to use the preauction bid method, written bids identifying the specific vehicle and the amount bid may be submitted up to five (5) days before the auction.
- Auctions shall be held during daylight hours of a normal business day.
- The auction shall be held in such a manner that all persons present are given an equal time and opportunity to bid.
- All bidders must be present at auction unless they have submitted written bids (the operator may choose not to use the preauction written bid method).
- The highest two bids received shall be recorded in written form.
- In case the high bidder defaults, the next bidder has the right to purchase the vehicle for the amount of his or her bid.
- If the operator elects to bid at auction, that bid must be disclosed as such, and may not merely be an effort to set a minimum for other bids.
- The successful bidder must apply for title within fifteen days unless provided otherwise by law.